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ED. LAWDER HAS LARGE HERD DAIRY CATTLE AT LAUDERDALE

Has Taken Step to Procure a Model Herd of Holstein Cows at His Farm.

SEES FUTURE OF DAIRYING

At the Head of His Herd is Paul Rector De Kol, a Bull Eligible to Registration.

Who will be the first to meet the new breed of Holstein cows?

Suppose every normal boy goes through a period when he thinks that the devil is in the living present.

AGGREGATION of the colored people in St. Louis carried at the time on Tuesday, by about three.

the proper column in the daily weekly Ledger will be found the statement of R. D. Rodgers, candidate for Prosecuting Attorney of Audrain County, subject to the Democratic primary.

FARMERS AND MEXICO COMMERCIAL CLUB.

It is very important that the farmers of Audrain County should be interested in Mexico and its progress in order to get satisfactory results along this line, arrangements should be made so that we could have a number of farmers through the county members of the commercial club.

If arrangements can be made along this line, there would be some way devised to attract interest in our meetings, referring to this important matter the Moberly Democrat editorially.

the early days of the Commercial Club of this city extra efforts should be made to secure the attendance of farmers of the county. Many farmers' meetings were held and attended by the farmers and citizens. This was in a day when there were no automobiles and therefore it was not as easy as now for them to come from all parts of the county. It was a mistake when these meetings were discontinued. If they had continued until now we would have as many active and progressive farmers regular attendants at the club as we now have of Moberly citizens. Now since many farmers have automobiles these meetings should be revived and the club be made as available to country residents for any matters that may be of interest.

BUYS BRADFORD STORE.

Roden Will Open Business Augmented With Other Stock.

F. Roden, who for years was in grocery business here, has purchased the Bradford store on the west side of the square and will open it in a short time augmented by the stock of dry goods and notions he bought recently.

Mr. Roden, who has farmed several years, is one of Mexico's oldest business men and the Ledger joins in wishing him a welcome on his return to local business circles.

Seed Oats.

We have the best seed oats in stock ever had for a long time. AS RED RUST PROOF, LIT-LE WHITE and old fashioned ACK. Book your orders early.

Wm. Pollock Mill & Elev. Co.

SPECIALS!

Drummers sample pants, wool, and corduroys at a saving of one-half.

heavy wool kersey pants; worth \$2.00. Drummers samples, now \$1.00. Special price, this lot, \$1.19.

Men's bedford corduroy pants, pair \$1.99. Special price, this lot, \$1.49.

Men's heavy blue overalls. Bib and band. Worth today \$1.00 pair. As present stock lasts \$1.00.

Men's 4-buckle heavy cloth overalls with heavy rolled soles. Worth \$1.00 a pair. Our special price, \$1.19.

Men's heavy duck foot double soled overalls. Worth \$2.50. Our special price, \$2.00.

Men's 1-buckle overalls. Sold by stores \$1.00. Our special price, \$1.00.

Men's wool socks. Menders of 15-25-cent sellers. Just to close out lot, pair \$1.00.

dozen Men's knit wrist cotton socks. Bought long before cotton advanced. Special price on this lot, \$1.00.

Ragsdale's Cash Store

MAY NOT GIVE BOND IS SUE FOR SEPTIC TANKS

City Attorney Does Not Know Whether City Has Power to Issue Bonds in This Case.

2 NEW ORDINANCES DEFEATED

Electric Line Was Ordered to Remove Spur Track From Western Avenue Soon.

If a bond issue is voted on for two septic tanks costing the city \$15,000, it is the belief of City Attorney David H. Robertson, that it must be done at a special election in order to make the bonds valid.

City Attorney Robertson said before the Council Monday evening that he was doubtful whether a bond issue could be submitted for building septic tanks. In other places these tanks are paid for by a special assessment.

On motion of Councilman Ballou the Mexico and Santa Fe electric line was ordered to remove its spur track between Jackson and Promenade streets on Western avenue. They were also ordered to stand and load all cars in their yards on Jackson street.

The spur track which the electric line has used ever since its existence, according to members of the council, is not included in the line's franchise, and many of the citizens of this part of the city have complained.

On April the 4th, at the general city election, a vote on the library tax will be submitted. A petition including one hundred and nine names was presented to the council Monday night asking for this action. The vote is to apportion a seven-tenths of a mill tax from the city revenue to support the library. This in no way will increase the rate of taxation at present and simply makes it possible to maintain the library.

The ordinance, one pertaining to hawkers and vendors and the other to gaming devices, were defeated upon their third reading Monday night. The council explains this action by saying that the present ordinances cover the cases fully.

Judge Lewis chairman of the claims committee, presented bills to the amount of \$89.00 which were allowed. On motion of E. L. Johnson worthless taxes were stricken from the tax books. This means taxes made worthless by deaths and erroneous assessments.

The amount of the taxes charged off of the tax books was \$2,490. This represented the accumulations of the last fifteen years. This was taken out of the poll, sewer and general revenue fund. This action of the council was taken at the suggestion of the city attorney.

LEO HANLY MOVES.

Collins Bros. Moves to Stand Voted Mr. Hanly.

Leo Hanly, the Cleaner, has moved his janitorium to the building just south of his old location on Washington street near Promenade and will conduct a more extensive business in his larger location.

Collins Bros., have entered the rooms vacated by Mr. Hanly and will do up-to-date shoe repairing here. They have been located in the French building on Jackson street.

To Move Office.

The Western Union telegraph office, which has been located in Salles' book store for the past fifteen years, will have a new location shortly. Just where it will be moved to has not been announced.

Mr. B. H. Jameson, Miss Anna Jameson and Miss Edna Williams, of Fulton, are the guests of Mexico friends.

ing last year, when he began to build up his herd, he was willing to consult bulletins and dairy papers, and so learn by other men's experiences.

In view of the present agitation for promoting the dairy industry by establishing a milk condensing plant in Mexico, the Lawderdale Farm and its manager, Ed Lawder, should be viewed as showing what is possible in a very short time with limited resources.

Mr. Lawder states that although he knew little about milk cows and dairy-

YOUNG DEMOCRATS TO MEET IN COLUMBIA IN MARCH

Democrats of Missouri Change Their Place of Meeting From Mexico to Columbia.

WILL MEET ON APRIL 15TH

First Vice-President Boggs, of Columbia, in Charge of Arrangements.

It is understood from members of the arrangements committee at Mexico, who attended the meeting in St. Louis, that the March 24 date at Mexico will be kept. Many reservations have been made here for candidates at the local hotels.

The Missouri Young Men's Democratic Club meeting, advertised to meet in Mexico on March 3rd, was postponed to March 24th on account of the scarlet fever scare. Later on, the meeting was changed to April 13th, and moved to Columbia, Mo.

Referring to this change, the Columbia Tribune says:

The executive committee of the club met in St. Louis this week and postponed the meeting at Mexico until March 24. Subsequently the committee decided to postpone it indefinitely when James E. Boggs, of Columbia, who is a member of the executive committee and vice-president of the organization, told the committee that Columbia was going to hold its annual Jefferson Day banquet on April 13 and suggested that the Young Men's Democratic Club meet at Columbia on that date. The committee agreed and the same program that was to have been carried out at Mexico will be carried out here.

All candidates for state office will establish headquarters here on that date and particularly the candidates for governor. All will be here and on the afternoon of April 13, the seven candidates for governor—if they be not more at that time—will address the democrats from over the state who assemble here.

On that night the annual banquet of the Columbia Jefferson Club will be held to which more than one thousand invitations will be sent out. All candidates for state and congressional offices and state senator will receive invitations. The members of the state democratic committee will be invited and it is planned to have one at least, and maybe two, speakers of national democratic reputation.

Major Lilly, of Moberly, who is a candidate for judge of the Kansas City court of appeals, and who is president of the Young Men's Democratic Club of Missouri, has not yet resigned his office in the organization but expects to do so. In the interim, he has asked J. E. Boggs, vice-president, to act in his stead. Mr. Boggs is a candidate to succeed Mr. Lilly to the presidential office of the club. Friends of Fred Morris, of Mexico, are also soliciting him to seek this honor.

B. W. M. U. MEETING.

Session Will be Held in This City All Day March Ninth.

The program for the quarterly meeting of the Baptist Women's Missionary Union, Audrain Association, will be given at the First Baptist Church, March 9, as follows:

Morning Session.

9:30 Devotional, Mrs. J. A. Guthrie

9:45 Letters from Missionaries.

10:10 Regular meeting of Mexico Society.

Business.

10:30 Social Problems of Southern Baptists.

11:30 Reports.

12:00 Noon.

1:30 Bible Lesson on Stewardship.

Miss Fielden, Hardin College

1:50 Baptist Problems in Large Cities.

2:00 Home Missions as an Educational Factor.

2:10 Immigration.

2:20 Catechism Drill.

Rural Church Union Society.

2:30 Solo.

2:40 Panama and Cuba Mrs. McKie

2:50 Developing the Implanted Life.

Mrs. White

3:00 The Great Southwest.

Mrs. Alford

3:10 Frontier Facts.

Hopewell Society.

3:20 For Want of Dollars.

Miss Robnett

REPUBLICAN ELECT DELEGATES

Elected Delegates to Two State Conventions.

Delegates to the Ninth District Republican convention at Warrenton, March 2, were elected Saturday at the meeting of the Republicans at the Court House. Walter Boyd, F. H. Sanford, E. W. Rockwell, Harry Harvey and J. F. Johnson, were named as delegates to this convention.

Delegates to the state convention which will be held at Excelsior Springs are: Dr. J. C. Parrish, E. C. Kennan, R. R. Buchner, Clarence A. Barnes, J. A. Gunnell and H. E. Christrup.

They were instructed to vote for T. W. Hiscokle and J. C. Brown, as delegates to the national convention from the Ninth district. Former Gov. Herbert S. Hadley, J. L. Babler, L. C. Dyer, and John C. McKinley were endorsed as delegates at large.

E. S. Wilson was elected chairman and Ralph Head was elected secretary of the permanent organization in this city.

The sentiment of all the leaders was expressed openly for Lamm for Governor, though an attempt was made to put over a resolution of endorsement. How Lamm's candidacy will be taken by the Republicans of the county, in view of the marked opposition to the Sedalia man by E. F. Jones, head of the Republican wing of the Anti-Saloon League, is a matter of considerable speculation.

There also was a strong Hughes-for-President sentiment. W. W. Braden, of Ladonia, one of the most active Republicans in the county, and Kenneth G. Kennan, an attorney of Ladonia, who was identified with the Stand-Pat wing in 1912, said the Republicans, who attended the county meeting, favored Hughes though no official endorsement was given.

Resolutions adopted follow:

"Be it resolved, we the Republicans of Audrain County in mass convention hereby endorse the prospects of the Republican Party and its splendid National record beginning with the time of Lincoln down to the disastrous change of administration in 1912.

"Be it also resolved that we endorse the theory of protective tariff as propounded by the Republican Party. It is our opinion that a non-partisan tariff Commission, which will remove the tariff discussion from sectional political consideration as far as possible, in the true way of determining the tariff question.

"Be it resolved also that we are anxious to return to a period of prosperity such as prevailed during the Republican administrations of the past. We also desire the elimination of the peaceful War Tax made necessary by the mismanagement of the present national administration.

"As to state matters, we respectfully call your attention to a comparison of the present administration to that of the preceding one and desire that you make your choice as to which has been the most efficient in the management of our State affairs.

"We feel the theory of Neoplatonism is entirely contrary to the best interests of the State and should be eliminated.

"We deplore the general incompetency of the present State administration and specially direct your attention to the over-appropriation of the State funds, by the last Legislature and its attempt to conceal the same by the school fund grab as attempted by the Democratic State officials.

"We also believe laws now on the Statute Books regarding prison labor should be enforced. We also oppose the creation of offices for the sole purpose of rewarding the faithful, at a heavy expense to the taxpayers of the State.

"Also, be it resolved, delegates to the Congressional Convention are hereby instructed to cast their vote for Judge Hicokle and Hon. J. C. Brown as delegates to the National Convention to be held in Chicago June 7, 1916, and we also instruct delegates to the State Convention to be held at Excelsior Springs April 6, to cast their votes for Hon. Herbert S. Hadley, Hon. Jacob Babler, Hon. John C. McKinley and Hon. L. C. Dyer as delegates-at-large to the National Convention to be held in Chicago, June 7, 1916.

"Furthermore, it is the sense of this

WE MAY GET AVIATION BRANCH OF THE N. G. M.

A. B. Lambert, of St. Louis, Writes the Mexico Commercial Club That Application is on File.

CONGRESS MAY RAISE FUNDS

Will Give Exhibition Here and Also Offers to Organize Signal Corps in This City.

Mexico has on file an application for an aviation squad of the Missouri National Guard. The matter will likely be definitely acted upon by Congress during the present session and an appropriation made to finance this department of the organization. The following letter from A. B. Lambert, of St. Louis, an aviation enthusiast, to secretary R. E. Race, of the Mexico Commercial Club, explains the exact status of matters.

"In reply to your letter of February 21:

"A law was passed by Congress several years ago permitting the Aviation Division of the regular Army to land aeroplanes and train officers of the National Guards of various states. However, Congress has failed to provide sufficient funds which would permit the loan of machines, for the simple reason that the Army has not over five first-class aeroplanes and these are in daily use to train their own officers. We hope, however, that Congress will be more generous the forthcoming year and even take up the question of supplying aeroplanes and equipment direct to the National Guards.

"As soon as something concrete happens along these lines, I will inform you. In the meantime, I will consider you have made application for this service. There is not much chance for materialization for a long time, nevertheless it might keep up the interest in your city.

"Another thing—we are collecting money here for the purpose of buying several aeroplanes. When this is accomplished, I will arrange to have an exhibition for you and will assist your company to organize a Signal Corps, something very few of our State Companies have.

"You can give this news out—most probably the St. Louis papers would like to have this item.

"There is to be a conference of Mayors in St. Louis, March 3 and 4—Mayor Mitchell of New York the Mayors of Boston, Atlanta, Chicago, Los Angeles and many others from all over the country are coming.

"Please extend an invitation for me to the Mayor of Mexico to attend this conference, or if you will give me his name, I will invite him direct. This conference is called for the purpose of discussing National Defense."

Yours truly,
A. B. LAMBERT.

Time to Move.

First of March is moving time and the old cook stove will likely be replaced with a new one we have them for \$12.50, \$18.00, \$25.00 and \$32.00. Whoever heard of a Superior that wouldn't bake. L. Roy Ferris.

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FEARING ALLIED DRIVE AT YPERS GERMANS PREPARE

Kaiser's Troops Making Extensive Plans Behind Lines in Belgium to Stop Advance.

ARE STOPPING VERDUN DRIVE?

Paris Reports no Infantry Action by the Germans Yesterday and Believes Drive is Halted.

Amsterdam, March 1 (via London).—Probably in preparation for an Entente allied attack in the neighborhood of Ypres and Dixmude, there is great German activity behind the lines in Belgium, according to the Telegram's correspondent.

Stopping Verdun Drive? Paris, March 1.—The official communication issued last night by the war office reads:

In the region of Verdun the bombardment continued on the north front with less intensity than on the preceding days. No infantry action was reported in the course of the day. The Germans entrenched themselves on the slopes north of Cote du Poivre the first ridge of which is occupied by our advanced elements.

"We carried out a violent fire on Samogneux, where an enemy battalion had assembled.

Stopped Germans in the Woivre. "At various points on our front in the Woivre our artillery fire prevented attacks in the course of preparation from being carried out.

"In the Vosges there has been great artillery activity in the region of Senches and the Ban-de-Sapt. To the east of Seppois a counter attack by us drove the enemy from some sections of trenches which he had penetrated during the morning."

WILSON ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Murderer of Two in Pike County Shot Woman First.

Bowling Green, Mo., March 1.—Vance Wilson, a patent-medicine vender, was brought to the Pike County jail here yesterday on a charge of slaying Mr. and Mrs. Frank Snedager near Spencerburg Monday. Wilson, according to William Craig, a neighbor of the Snedagers, has confessed.

Mrs. Snedager was a first cousin of Wilson. Trouble between Wilson and Snedager began about a year ago when Snedager ordered Wilson off his place.

Craig's story of what Wilson told him cleared much of the mystery which had surrounded the case. It differs materially from earlier reports which received here.

When Wilson, according to his reputed confession, reached the Snedager home, the two Snedager children 6 and 8 years old girls, were playing on the porch.

"Where's your father?" he asked. Shoots Woman as She Opens Door On being told he was in the barn, he knocked on the door. When Mrs. Snedager opened it she was shot 3 times in the forehead.

Mrs. Snedager managed to force the door shut and lock it. Then she crawled to the telephone.

"I'm shot—dying," she cried to her mother. Then she fell to the floor, too weak to stand. She crawled into another room, again locking the door. The girls, in the meantime, ran to the barn and called their father.

Running toward the house, he was met by the slayer, who shot him twice, killing him instantly.

Wilson, according to the reputed confession, went back to the house, battered down both doors and shot Mrs. Snedager a fourth time, killing her.

Craig, summoned by Mrs. Snedager's mother, ran to the house just as Wilson was departing.

Slayer Sought to End Life. "Lord, Van, you didn't come home to do this dirty work!" Craig asked Wilson.

"Yes, I did, and I made a good job of it, too," Craig says Wilson replied.

Wilson, it is said, then reloaded his pistol and made a move as if going to end his own life. Craig persuaded him to go to the home of his mother.

He remained there and surrendered to Sheriff W. P. Hawkins on his arrival.

IS DRY & SAPPINGTON.

Potts Building Being Remodeled for New Hardware Firm.

Formal announcement was made Wednesday that J. W. Dry and Bradford Sappington, who have been in the real estate business, would open a new hardware store in the Potts building, on the east side of the square, March 15. They will install Warren hardware shelving of the latest type. The building is being remodeled preparatory to their moving in.

Both Mr. Dry and Mr. Sappington are experienced hardware men and plan to have a modern establishment in every particular. They will use all four floors and basement of the Potts building. The Ledger joins their many friends in wishing them success in their new location.

Clover Seed—Timothy Seed. We still have some choice seed of both. Now is the time to sow. See our samples and get prices.

dwl Wm. Pollock Mill & Elev. Co.

246 CASES SCHEDULED FOR THE MARCH CIRCUIT COURT

Judge D. H. Harris and Judge Samuel Davis Will Act as Judges During J. D. Barnett's Absence.

ARE SIXTEEN DIVORCE CASES

Court Will Convene Monday Afternoon March Sixth at One O'clock—The Pettit Jurors.

The March term of the Audrain County Circuit Court opens Monday afternoon, March sixth. Owing to the illness of Judge J. D. Barnett, Judge D. H. Harris, of Fulton, will act as judge for the first two weeks and Judge Samuel Davis, of Marshall, for the remainder of the term. Judge Barnett's condition is improving but he will not be able to take charge of the court this term.

There are 246 cases on the docket of which sixteen are divorce litigation. The following are the petit jurors for the term:

Salt River Township—Ashby Botts, J. H. Hebel, W. L. Paul, Wm. Frazier, T. R. Bruce, Clyde Ellis.

Wilson Township—S. C. Groves, Wm. Wilmont, Wm. Siffley, S. A. Pulls.

Salling Township—Brack Gentry, Geo. A. Pollard.

Linn Township—Julie Hodge, J. C. Maxwell.

Prairie Township—W. H. McCue, Pete Beashear.

Loutre Township—Russell Martin, Frank Davis.

Cuivre Township—Lank Himes, Walter Boyd, R. R. Sax, John Whitledge, S. P. Utterback, G. B. Moore.

First Day—Monday, March 6, 1916.

State of Missouri vs. Barney Greenman.

State of Missouri vs. Henry Shaw.</